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TAGS: EPAP KU  
SUBJECT: GOK INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF FOOD PRODUCTS

REF: (A) 76 STATE 284941, (B) 76 KUWAIT 5783.

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY KUWAIT SUPPLY COMPANY (KSC)  
OFFICIALS THAT THEY INTEND TO VISIT US DURING FEBRUARY TO  
ATTEND SUSTA FOOD EXHIBIT FEBRUARY 10-12, 1977.  
INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 3 REF A (TO EXTENT AVAILABLE)  
FOLLOWS:

A) GROUP WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST TWO PERSONS,  
TAREK AL-BARRAK, GENERAL MANAGER KUWAIT SUPPLY CO.  
(PURCHASING AGENT FOR GOK FOOD SUBSIDY SYSTEM) AND,  
POSSIBLY, KHALID BUDAYY, ASST. GENERAL MANAGER.

B) KSC WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:  
RICE, SUGAR, LENTILS, MILK POWDER, PROCESSED CHEESE  
(CANNED, JARRED, ETC.), TOMATO PASTE, CANNED VEGETABLES  
(PEAS, BEANS, MIXED VEGETABLES), MARMALADE JAMS AND  
OTHER JAMS AND JELLIES, AND FROZEN CHICKEN (CORNISH HENS  
IN PARTICULAR).

C) EXACT SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL AND DURATION OF STAY IN US IS  
NOT YET DETERMINED. AL-BARRAK MENTIONED TENTATIVE ETA IN  
US OF FEBRUARY 7. EXACT DATE WOULD DEPEND ON  
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AVAILABILITY OF OTHER MEMBER OF PURCHASING TEAM WHO WOULD  
BE ATTENDING FOOD SHOWS ELSEWHERE. KSC REPS HOWEVER  
WOULD DEFINITELY ATTEND SUSTA EXHIBITION, REGISTRATION CARD  
FOR WHICH IS BEING MAILED. AL-BARRAK PROMISED TO ADVISE  
US SOONEST WHEN EXACT DATE DETERMINED. HE CONCURRED THAT  
MISSION WOULD HAVE TO SPEND 12 DAYS-TWO WEEKS IN US AND  
AGREED IN GENERAL WITH POSSIBLE STOPS IN CHICAGO AND NEW

YORK (REF A PARAS. 1 AND 2). HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT STOP  
IN WESTERN STATES, PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MIGHT  
BE ARRANGED, TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASES THERE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT FAS BEGIN  
TO DEVELOP TENTATIVE PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS (AS NOTED REF A  
PARA 4) BUT TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT  
STATE OF KSC THINKING, FAS MIGHT BEST CONCENTRATE ON  
SUSTA EXHIBITION AND SHOULD NOTIFY COMMERCE FIELD  
OFFICE AND EXHIBITION ORGANIZERS. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR  
OTHER CITIES/AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE COULD ALSO BE LAID OUT  
FOR CONSIDERATION BY KSC. CAN SCHEDULE BEYOND FEBRUARY NEW  
ORLEANS SHOW BE SET UP AFTER KSC PURCHASING TEAM ARRIVES  
IN US?  
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